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Wyo. Army National Guard Soldiers battle blaze

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo. – Two Wyoming Army National Guard Soldiers saved the lives of two Guernsey-area residents when a nearby trailer home caught fire, on Highway 270, at 8:10 p.m., on June 5.

Spc. Alan Snook and Spc. Cordell Anthony, based at the Wyoming National Guard's Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center, responded to a mutual-aid request from the Guernsey Fire Department. The Soldiers were the first on scene.

"We found a fully engulfed mobile home with several other structures nearby," Snook said.

One of those other structures housed a bed-ridden cancer patient. Because that patient couldn't move, Snook said he and Anthony focused their efforts on protecting that home. He said there were no reports of injuries.

The two Soldiers accomplished their mission using their brush truck's limited water supplies to its full capabilities, until the Guernsey Fire Department arrived on scene.

"We're trained for all types of fires," Snook said. "It just so happened that we couldn't use our larger crash vehicles because we had C-130 (cargo planes) up there at the time."

Camp Guernsey's fire crews also protect the Guernsey Army Airfield and Guernsey Airport. In this instance, once the Guernsey Fire Department arrived on-scene, the Soldiers were able to bring down a second brush truck to help battle the blaze.

"Mutual aid, it's just good teamwork," Anthony said. "There was great communication, great teamwork."

Snook said the Camp Guernsey, Guernsey and Hartville fire departments train together and respond together on a regular basis. That includes the National Guard's annual training and monthly drills.

Photos available upon request or at the Wyoming National Guard Website
<http://www.wy.ngb.army.mil/PAO/release/release.asp>

SUGGESTED CUTLINE: 070605-A-7045A-143 – Wyoming Army National Guard Spc. Alan Snook helps prevent fire from spreading from one structure to another, June 5, just north of Guernsey.